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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/727,542	Applicant(s) SHIH ET AL. <i>cfj</i>	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 1-3 are rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

These claims are replete with language for which its intended meaning is not understood and further are replete with idiomatic/grammatical errors. For example: claim 1, line 2 "unitarily knitted", line 3 "the said loops"; claim 2, line 1 "As mentioned in Claim 1 of the window blinds slat structure of the invention", line 2 "the said", lines 2-3 which attempts to define the dimensions of the slat with the long rods, wherein, the long rods are not positively claimed elements of the invention; claim 3, line 1 in its entirety, lines 4-5 "the said", line 6 "the said", line 7 "the said", line 8 "effectively serving".


These claims are replete with terminology for which there is no antecedent basis. For example: claim 1, line 2 "the warp yarns" and "the weft yarns", line 3 "the two sides"; claim 3, line 3 "the twisted threads", line 4 "the one side of the said slat", line 5 "the anterior extent", line 7 "the interstices".

Furthermore, these claims are narrative in form and replete with functional or operational language. The structure which goes to make up the device must be clearly and positively specified. The structure must be organized and correlated in such a manner as to present a complete operative device.

2. The following prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Shields, Burns, Zorbas, Bressler, Hsu, Kandel '515 and '490, Pinto, Warren, Tuzmen, Cohen.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to David M Purol at telephone number 703/308-2168.


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